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In re Application of )  
Subraman R. Cherukuri, et al. )  
Filing Date: February 1, 2002 ) Examiner: To be assigned  
Serial No.: 10/060,349 ) Art Unit: 1761  
Title: MEDICATED CHEWING )  
GUM DELIVERY SYSTEM )  
FOR NICOTINE ) Attorney Dkt: 6296.171

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments to the above captioned  
application, and proceed with examination of the application in amended form.

CLAIM TO PRIORITY

The present application is a continuation of prior application No. 09/389,339,  
*now U.S. Patent 6,344,202,*  
filed September 2, 1999, ~~title "Medicated Chewing Gum Delivery System for Nicotine",~~

*now U.S. Patent 6,358,060.*  
which is a continuation of prior application No. 09/146,696, filed September 3, 1998,  
~~title "Two-Stage Transmucosal Medicine Delivery System for Symptom Relief".~~

The Filing Receipt only indicates priority from application No. 09/389,339.

Applicant claims priority from application No. 09/146,696, and requests that it be so  
noted as a continuation therefrom.